CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A write protection method for an optical disc recording and/or reproducing apparatus, the method comprising:

checking write protection information stored in an RMD (Recording Management Data) field of a RMA (Recording management Area) area to protect data recorded on the recording medium from unwanted overwriting or erasing; and

prohibiting writing of data on the recording medium according to the write protection information,

wherein the write protection information is redundantly stored in physically separate locations.